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ELECTRONIC TELEPHONE EXCHANGES IN N-E REGION
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up electronic telephone exchanges in each State of North-Eastern Region including Sikkim during 2003-2004;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) & (b) 32 new electronic exchanges were opened in 2003-04 and 72 exchanges have been planned to be set up in the year 2004-05. The state-wise details are given in Annexure.

(c) Future demands for telephones in the States of Mizoram, Tripura, Arunachal Pradesh & Sikkim will be met by Wireless networks in place of conventional telephone exchanges.

Annexure

Sl. No.	Name of State	No. of exchanges state-wise opened during 2003-04	No. of exchanges state-wise planned to be set up during 2004-05
1	Assam	26	58
2	Meghalaya	1	5
3	Mizoram	NIL	NIL
4	Tripura	1	NIL
5	Nagaland	1	5
6	Manipur	3	4
7	Arunachal Pradesh	NIL	NIL
8	Sikkim	NIL	NIL